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SUBJ: US-YUGOSLAV SCIENTIFIC/TECHNICAL COOPERATION - SFCP

REF A. STATE 149140 B. BELGRADE 3312 C. NSF GF 3912 TO JOINT BOARD

1. WE BELIEVE GRANT DOCUMENT REFTEL A PROVIDES MINIMUM ESSENTIAL CONTROL ON FUND RELEASE BY JOINT BOARD AND APPEARS CONSISTENT WITH FAISECTC FINANCE OFFICER AND JOINT FUND COUNTERSIGNER JOVANOVIĆ REQUEST THAT GRANTS SHOULD BE MADE TO INSTITUTIONS. WE ASSUME THAT FOLLOWING PIRKMAJER'S SIGNATURE THE BOARD MAY NOT AUTHORIZE RELEASE OF FUNDS UNTIL RECEIPT OF REVISED BUDGET REQUESTED IN NSF GRANT LETTER. PLEASE ADVISE.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT GRANT PROCEDURE WAS DISCUSSED DURING RECENT BOARD MEETING. PIRKMAJER EXPRESSED SOME CONCERN ABOUT A PROCEDURE UNDER WHICH BOTH THE AUTHORIZED JOINT BOARD OFFICIALS AND OFFICIALS OF THE GRANTEE INSTITUTION WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SIGN THE GRANT DOCUMENT ON THE GROUND THAT SUCH A PROCEDURE WOULD DELAY RELEASE OF FUNDS. THE NSF GRANT LETTER SEEMS TO ACCOMMODATE THIS CONCERN BY REQUIRING ONLY SIGNATURE OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN. AS THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, PIRKMAJER RESIDES IN LJUBLJANA AND IS NOT NORMALLY IN BELGRADE. THEREFORE, THE YUGOSLAVS MAY EVENTUALLY REQUEST THAT GRANT DOCUMENTS BE SIGNED BY YUGOSLAV BOARD MEMBER

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OR OTHER APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL RESIDENT IN BELGRADE. UNDER THE

NSF PROCEDURE REFTEL A IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO SEND ALL DOCUMENTS
TO LJUBLJANA FOR PIRKMAJER'S SIGNATURE THUS INVOLVING SOME DELAY.
ALSO THE YUGOSLAVS MAY WANT TO MODIFY THE NSF-TYPE GRANT
PROCEDURE ONCE THEY MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE JOINT FUND.

3. UNTIL THE YUGOSLAVS PROPOSE AN ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE WE
SUGGEST THAT ALL COOPERATING U.S. AGENCIES PREPARE GRANTS ALONG
THE LINES OF THE NSF LETTER FOR SIGNATURE BY THE BOARD CHAIRMAN.
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